

- Nurse Practitioners (NPs) manage both acute and chronic medical conditions in a wide variety of settings.
- NPs are qualified to diagnose and treat medical problems, perform advanced procedures, prescribe medication, and make referrals to different specialties.
- Depending upon the state you live, NPs may or may not be required to practice under the supervision of a Physician.

The main classifications of Nurse Practitioners are:

- Adult-A.N.P.
- Acute care-A.C.N.P.
- Gerontological-G.N.P.
- Family-F.N.P.
- Pediatric-P.N.P.
- Neonatal-N.N.P.
- Psychiatric-Mental Health-P.M.H.N.P.



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Becoming a
**Nurse
Practitioner**

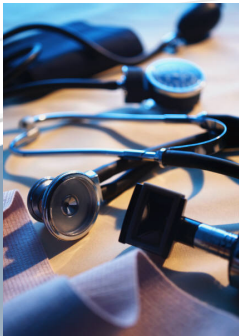


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Why The Nursing Field?

Nursing is a career that invites you to participate in active care for people during their hardest times in life. There are a wide variety of options available for Nurses. Nursing degrees can take as little as 1-2 years to complete, or as many as 8 years to obtain a doctorate. There is a great need for nurses in almost any hospital in the world. Obtaining an R.N Licensure is a good starting point for the Nursing field. As an R.N. you are immersed into the world of healthcare with a lot of options for advancement. An R.N may later decide to go on to be a Nurse Anesthetist, a Nurse Midwife, a Nurse Practitioner, or a Nursing Educator.



“I’m not telling you it’s going to be easy. I’m telling you it’s going to be worth it.”

Art Williams

How to Become a Nurse Practitioner:

1. Obtain a Bachelors degree of Science in Nursing (BSN)
2. Pass the NCLEX exam
3. Obtain a Master’s or Doctorate degree of Science in Nursing
4. Pass the National Board Certification for Advanced Practice Nurses.



What Can I do now while in High School?

- Study Biology, Anatomy, and Chemistry
- Volunteer with hospitals, clinics, or overseas medical trips
- Find a Nurse Practitioner who you could possibly shadow.
- Look into doing dual enrollment at a local community college to complete Nursing School Pre-Requisites.
- Visit American Association of Nurse Practitioners website:
<http://www.aanp.org/>